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FM AMEMBASSY ROME

TO SECSTATE WASHDC PRIORITY 2527

AMEMBASSY TUNIS PRIORITY

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FOR: CAO AND CU/ARTS COE AND SAM PRESIDENT FROM WEST

E.O. 11652: N/A

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SUBJ: JOSE LIMON DANCE COMPANY

REF : STATE 180829

1) WHEN COMPANY ARRIVED ROME AUGUST 3 IT LEARNED ELECTRICAL EQUIPMENT FROM LONDON, CONTRARY TO ITS INSTRUCTIONS, HAD ARRIVED AHEAD OF SCHEDULE AND WAS BEING HELD IN CUSTOMS AT AIRPORT. COMPANY UNABLE GAIN ACCESS TO SHIPMENT TO INSPECT AND ASCERTAIN CONTENTS AND WAS ADVISED LARGE BOND REQUIRED FOR RELEASE.

2) MY FIRST MORNING HERE AUGUST 8 HANKINS AND I TOOK MATTER UP WITH EMBASSY TRANSPORTATION SECTION WHICH MOST HELPFUL IN ENLISTING SERVICES OF EMBASSY SHIPPING CONTRACTOR. RESULT WAS THAT SHIPMENT, WHICH COVERING AIRWAYBILL REPORTEDLY SHOWS NINE PIECES WEIGHING 663 KILOS WILL BE TREATED AS TRANSSHIPMENT. AS SUGGESTED, I GAVE TRANSPORT SECTION WRITTEN REQUEST THAT SHIPMENT PROCEED ON FIRST AVAILABLE CARRIER TO TUNIS ADDRESSED TO AMERICAN AMBASSADOR WITH ALL EXPENSES PAID AT DESTINATION. I TRIED TO USE GBL BUT EMBASSY TRANSPORT STATED THIS IMPOSSIBLE IN CIRCUMSTANCES.

3) REQUEST DEPARTMENT ON URGENT BASIS GIVE EMBASSY TUNIS NECESSARY AUTHORIZATION TO MAKE PAYMENT. BILLING WILL INCLUDE NOT ONLY FREIGHT COST BUT FEES AND EXPENSES OF

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EMBASSY SHIPPING CONTRACTOR, SALVIATI AND SANTORI. (HAVE

ADVISED HANKINS HER COMPANY PROBABLY LIABLE FOR THESE COSTS
IN POST-TOUR FINANCIAL SETTLEMENT WITH DEPARTMENT.)

4) TWENTY PIECES OF COMPANY EQUIPMENT BEING USED FOR
ROME ENGAGEMENT AND STILL ESTIMATED AT 1850 LBS BEING DELIVERED
AIRPORT MORNING OF AUGUST 11. THIS SHIPMENT COVERED BY
GBL K-O,091,202 WHICH DELIVERED TO EMBASSY.

5) AS OF COB AUGUST 8 NO INDICATION WHEN AND HOW SHIPMENTS
WILL BE MADE TO TUNIS BUT WILL ADVISE TUNIS ASAP.VOLPE

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